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RESOLUTION NO. 67-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) PASS THE PROPOSED HEALTH OF OUR FOREST RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the desire and concerns of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in Navajo County, the National Forest, as well as all property adjacent to or surrounded by our National Forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the high fire risk and unhealthy forest health conditions that exists which, if left untreated, will destroy endangered species and other species, wildlife habitat, human life, homes, communities, roadways, and industries in and adjacent to the forest; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors desires to work cooperatively with all levels of government and citizens effected by forest lands and has in place an existing agreement, by its membership in the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization, to participate in an intergovernmental ecosystem management demonstration project; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo County Board of Supervisors recommends that NACo support an effort to immediately put in place these ecosystem management demonstration projects within National Forests across the spectrum of vegetation types. One of the initial projects could be in the Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forests in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, these projects must require a total ecosystem management approach, meaningful management for the survival of entire forests, and their divergent vegetation and wildlife, as well as people, economies and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors recommends the National Association of Counties (NACO) pass the proposed Health of our National Forest Resolution requesting all agencies involved to come together immediately to develop laws and policies to protect our forests.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20 day of February,

Deal, Chairman

Navajo County Board of Supervisors